

#### **Statement of Request for Results**

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#### **Priority Statement**

Enhance Roanoke's exceptional vitality as an attractive, diverse, culturally inclusive, vibrant and active city in which to live, learn, work and play.

#### **Summary of Priority**

The Priority Team developed a strategy map to address the various factors that impact livability within the community and make the City of Roanoke and the Roanoke Valley a desirable place to live, learn, work and play. Livability is the level of quality in the social, built and natural environments that impacts residents, employees, customers and visitors. The perception of the City's livability factors in many decisions to invest in it, whether as a home or business owner, client or tourist. Livability, in a general sense, encompasses all aspects of City government. However, the Team based its causal factors and outcomes largely on qualitative elements that it deemed vital to achieving a livable community. In doing so, the Team attempted to omit factors and outcomes that would likely be included in other Teams' statements. To address the priority statement, the team created a map around four primary factors – Valued, Engaged & Informed Community; Attractive Community; Accessibility; and Quality Amenities.

Valued, Engaged & Informed Community - The City operates on the foundations of the democratic process as a participatory government,

seeking input and direct contributions from the public in shaping its past, present and future endeavors. In addition to providing opinions on isolated matters of self-interest, a valued, engaged and informed community will interact regularly with City government and aid short and long-term decision-making.

The outcomes that will result in successfully addressing this causal factor include:

#### 1. Community Involvement

The participation of individuals and organizations from the public in City government matters is crucial to representative democracy, and drives processes that are open and transparent.

#### 2. Active Neighbors

Residents do not have to be part of an official organization or City board or commission to take part in the affairs of City government. Residents can provide input individually and have an impact.

#### 3. Public/Private Partnership

Organizations and individuals in the community can advance their specific goals, as well as the City's, by partnering with City government. The cooperation and combination of resources and unique skills can facilitate outcomes that would otherwise be infeasible.

#### 4. Personal Enrichment

Members of the community will advance and improve their knowledge, understanding, and mental and physical health as they are engaged directly or indirectly in City programs and services.

#### 5. Effective Communications

City government will use available technology and various interpersonal means to achieve optimal communication with its constituents, aligning the specific mode to the needs and availability of the recipient.

Attractive Community - City government will provide an avenue through which residents and visitors find the community visibly attractive, safe and clean. Offers should foster a sense of community pride, encourage home ownership and attract business investment. The outcomes that will result in successfully addressing this causal factor include:

1. Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Safe and attractive neighborhoods and business districts will have low crime rates, a reduced carbon footprint (e.g. trash and recycling collection) and minimize blight.

#### 2. Home Ownership

Increased owner-occupied housing leads to more attractive and desirable neighborhoods that are viewed as better maintained and

aesthetically appealing. Homeowners tend to have a greater sense of responsibility to properly maintain their investment.

- 3. Zoning, land use and codes compliance Proper zoning, compatible land uses and related code enforcement (e.g. weed and trash, illegal dumping, inoperable vehicles, etc.) support an attractive community.
- 4. Compatible design and well maintained structures
  Architectural designs and continued maintenance for new and
  renovated structures should consider existing development within
  their respective community or neighborhood.

# 5. Balanced community Although a demographic balance is ideal, an attractive community will retain and attract a diverse population. If successful though, the City should see a growth in its ranks of young professional

Accessibility - Public transportation, bicycle facilities and pedestrian-friendly pathways facilitate safe and convenient connections to events, activities and public services throughout the community and region.

1. Safe, accessible, bicycle and pedestrian friendly Infrastructure that promotes the use of bicycles and pedestrians pathways supports a more livable and healthy community.

#### 2. Public Transportation

singles and families.

Access to affordable and convenient public transportation supports a more vibrant and healthy community and business district and lowers the community's carbon footprint.

# 3. Regional connectivity Connecting to regional destinations (e.g. Blacksburg, Smith Mountain Lake, etc.) promotes a seamless, extended business district resulting in a healthier and more vibrant community.

## 4. Convenience of public services Convenient access to City services (e.g. parks, libraries, recreation centers, etc.) leads to a more livable and desirable community.

Quality Amenities - Activities, facilities and exhibits that encourage active living and foster cultural awareness will be created, developed and managed to increase Roanoke's desirability. Such amenities may include the built environment, natural resources, and corresponding programs and services. The outcomes that will result in successfully addressing this causal factor include:

- 1. Diverse offering of cultural events and exhibits
  Cultural events and exhibits showcase and celebrate Roanoke's
  diversity and heritage. These events bring together a wide cross
  section of the region's population and encourage community
  cohesion and unity.
- 2. Recreational opportunities

  Participation in quality recreation

Participation in quality recreational programs and the availability of park facilities promote the importance of active living and combat serious health issues such as obesity and drug use. Recreational opportunities also act as a deterrent to social deviance and criminal behavior.

- 3. Vibrant neighborhoods and healthy business districts
  Growing neighborhoods and localized neighborhood centers (e.g.
  Grandin Village, Melrose Avenue, Downtown, Williamson Road, etc.)
  influence a more vibrant community and healthier business
  districts where citizens can live, learn, work and play.
- 4. Maintain natural environment and unique assets
  Roanoke is situated in one of the most beautiful natural settings in
  the country and is fortunate to have amenities like Mill Mountain,
  the Roanoke Star, the Roanoke River, Carvins Cove, and the Historic
  City Market. Strong management and maintenance of these assets
  is essential to making Roanoke a unique and desirable community.

#### Indicators

Indicator 1: Community and Neighborhood Desirability

Measure 1: Increased percentage of home ownership

Measure 2: Reduction in blighted properties and improvement/reinvestment in existing properties

Measure 3: Increase in new building starts

Measure 4: Increase in median home values

Measure 5: Percent change in the median MLS sale price of City of Roanoke homes relative to the Roanoke MSA (the Roanoke MSA includes the City, Roanoke County, Salem, Craig County, Botetourt County, and Franklin County.)

**Indicator 2:** Community Engagement

Measure 1: Number of active neighborhood groups and business organizations within the City

Measure 2: Number of individuals participating in the Municipal Volunteer Program

Measure 3: Voter turnout rate

**Indicator 3:** Community Satisfaction

Measure 1: Percent of respondents to the Citizen Survey who rate the quality of life in Roanoke as "Good" or "Excellent"

Measure 2: Number of regional and national publications recognizing Roanoke

**Indicator 4:** Participation in Community Activities and Events

Measure 1: Number of individuals utilizing recreational and cultural programs and facilities

Measure 2: Number of recreational and cultural offerings

Measure 3: Number of assembly permits issued

#### **Purchasing Strategies**

- 1. Maximize efficiencies through the demonstration of collaborative efforts, cost recovery, sound fiscal management, innovation and creativity.
- 2. Promote recreation, arts and cultural events and activities that are meaningful, support education and provide value to the citizens and the region.
- 3. Encourage community development and home ownership through the promotion of attainable housing and safe, clean and accessible neighborhoods.
- 4. Build and promote a valued and engaged citizenry with a strong sense of community and commitment to maintain the health and strength of neighborhoods.
- 5. Develop and maintain cultural and recreational facilities, natural resources, and unique asset sustainability.

#### **Statement of Request for Offers**

We are seeking offers that help make Roanoke a place where people want to live, learn, work, and play. Special considerations will be given to offers that promote inter-department partnerships and collaboration, and innovations that leverage existing resources.

We are seeking offers that provide for a valued, engaged and informed community.

More specifically we are looking for offers that:

- 1. Involve the community and create a vibrant place for people to live, learn, work and play.
- 2. Promote vibrant neighborhoods with engaged community and civic groups.

- 3. Provide a forum for community members to voice concerns, give meaningful feedback or share ideas.
- 4. Improve the dissemination of public information through the use of multimedia technology to enhance community engagement.
- 5. Provide volunteer opportunities.
- 6. Encourage partnerships that bring diverse, high quality cultural and recreational programs to the community.

## We are seeking offers that make our community attractive, pleasant and enjoyable.

More specifically we are looking for offers that:

- 1. Promote friendly, open and engaged neighborhood village centers.
- 2. Provide for a variety of recreational opportunities and events.
- 3. Encourage public art.
- 4. Encourage safe and clean neighborhoods.
- 5. Aesthetically improve streets and public spaces.
- 6. Provide for appropriate natural resources utilization, and ensure compliance with municipal codes.
- 7. Create incentives to increase owner-occupied housing.
- 8. Reduce blight and replace it with viable, occupied structures and/or natural amenities such as landscaping or trees.
- 9. Retain and attract a diverse citizenry in our neighborhoods while encouraging an increase in young professional singles and families.

#### We are seeking offers that make our community accessible.

More specifically we are looking for offers that:

- 1. Allow for local and regional transportation network that is safe, clean, affordable, fully functional and connects the community.
- 2. Connect visitors and the community to greenways and trails for bicycling and pedestrian use.
- 3. Provide access to the blueways for canoeing, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

- 4. Ensure that buildings and major structures are accessible to those with disabilities.
- 5. Enhance the way finding network for ease of participating in community activities and use of community facilities
- 6. Promote alternative modes of transportation.

#### We are seeking offers that provide for quality amenities.

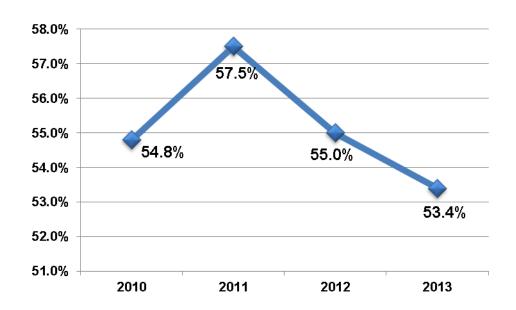
More specifically we are looking for offers that:

- 1. Facilitate a variety of events and exhibits that showcase Roanoke's cultural diversity.
- 2. Promote the importance of active living and healthy lifestyles.
- 3. Provide for the proper management and promotion of Roanoke's natural resources and unique assets.
- 4. Lead to increased awareness, appreciation and participation in Roanoke's natural and cultural opportunities.
- 5. Promote vibrant and diverse neighborhoods and business community.
- 6. Increase involvement in neighborhood activities, recreational opportunities, and cultural events.
- 7. Encourage diverse participation in social, cultural and recreational events and exhibits.

### LIVABILITY

#### 1. Community and Neighborhood Desirability

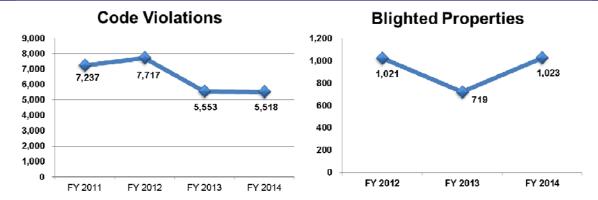
## MEASURE 1: Increased percentage of home ownership



#### Comments:

This information comes from the U.S. Census data, but it is based on the number of occupied housing units that are owner-occupied. From the 2000 census, the % was 56.3%; from the 2010 census, the % was 54.8%; the 2011, 2012, and 2013 data are based on a sample of the population with the 2013 data just being published in September 2014.

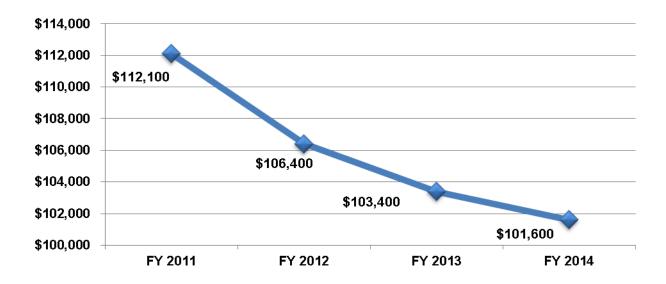
## MEASURE 2: Reduction in blighted properties and code violations



#### Comments:

Code Enforcement was short one inspector for 6 months in FY13, and the weed season came in late that year by one month.

MEASURE 3: Increase in median home values



#### **MEASURE 4:**

Percent change in the median MLS sale price of City of Roanoke homes relative to the Roanoke MSA as a whole (the Roanoke MSA includes the City, Roanoke County, Salem, Craig County, Botetourt County, and Franklin County).

Locality	FY2011	FY2011 FY2012 FY2013 FY2014		FY2012 FY2013		2014	
	Median MLS Sale Price	Median MLS Sale Price	% Change from Prior Yr	Median MLS Sale Price	% Change from Prior Yr	Median MLS Sale Price	% Change from Prior Yr
City of Roanoke	\$100,000	\$99,950	-0.05%	\$104,000	4.05%	\$110,000	5.77%
Craig County	\$80,000	\$121,500	51.88%	\$123,400	1.56%	\$128,750	4.34%
City of Salem	\$141,475	\$140,000	-1.04%	\$148,050	5.75%	\$148,000	-0.03%
Roanoke County	\$182,260	\$172,000	-5.62%	\$177,000	2.91%	\$179,950	1.67%
Franklin County	\$214,475	\$183,500	-14.44%	\$180,000	-1.91%	\$209,225	16.24%
Botetourt County	\$213,750	\$204,850	-4.16%	\$210,250	2.64%	\$201,000	-4.40%
Overall MSA	\$155,000	\$150,000	-3.23%	\$154,950	3.30%	\$157,925	1.92%

#### 2. Community Engagement

#### **MEASURE 1:**

Number of active neighborhood groups and business organizations within the City.

FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	<u>FY2014</u>
34	36	37	34

#### **MEASURE 2:**

Number of individuals participating in the Municipal Volunteer Program.

FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
2,031	2,434	2,486	2,308

#### **MEASURE 3:**

Number of individuals participating in City-sponsored leadership programs.

FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
22	42	42	27

#### Comments:

These numbers include Leadership College participants only; Innovative Leadership was not offered in FY2011 or FY2014.

#### 3: Community Satisfaction

#### **MEASURE:1**

Number of individuals rating the quality of life as "Good" or "Excellent."

FY2008	<u>FY2012</u>	FY2014
77.1%	75.8%	72.9%

Comments:

Results are from the most recent Citizen Surveys.

#### **MEASURE 2:**

#### Number of regional and national publications recognizing Roanoke.

FY2011	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	FY2014
Comprehensive information for entire year not available	40 national publications & websites published 46 articles on the City	65 national publications & websites published 79 articles on the City	40 national publications and websites published 47 articles on the City

#### Comments:

Information obtained from the "Press and Media Room" on the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau's website.

#### 4. Participation in Community Activities and Events.

#### **MEASURE 1:**

#### Number of individuals utilizing recreational and cultural programs and facilities.

<u>Department</u>	FY2011	<u>FY2012</u>	FY2013	FY2014
Civic Center facilities	252,577	229,807	251,056	403,178
Parks & Rec facilities & programs	130,813	140,220	188,101	133,179
Visits to the libraries	659,672	660, 559	686,196	509,963
Library programs	42,624	47,728	50,016	52,290

#### Comments:

Information is available from departments for City sponsored activities but not for patrons attending special events conducted by private entities.

#### **MEASURE 2:**

#### Number of recreational and cultural offerings.

<u>Department</u>	FY2011	FY2012	<u>FY2013</u>	FY2014
Civic Center offerings	270	263	276	262
Parks & Rec offerings	841	933	1,384	1,376
Library offerings	3,300	3,289	4,330	5,930

#### Comments:

Information is available from departments for City sponsored activities but not for special events conducted by private entities.

LIVABILITY				
DEPARTMENT	OFFER	RANK	OFFER TOTAL	
Planning, Bldg, & Development	Planning & Urban Design Services	1	\$939,182	
Transportation	Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning, and Project Mgmt	2	\$545,499	
Libraries	Books and Materials	0	\$586,580	
Libraries	Supplemental Books and Materials	3	\$25,000	
Neighborhood Services	Code Enforcement	4	\$1,074,657	
Parks & Rec.	Athletics	5	\$730,361	
Parks & Rec.	Landscape Management	6	\$957,256	
Parks & Rec.	Park Management	_	\$885,672	
Parks & Rec.	Supplemental Park Management Requests	7	\$6,000	
Parks & Rec.	Urban Forestry	8	\$827,018	
Parks & Rec.	Community Recreation	9	\$487,647	
Libraries	Neighborhood Library Services		\$1,137,075	
Libraries	Supplemental Expand Library Operational Hours	10	\$58,828	
Parks & Rec.	Outdoor Education	11	\$549,196	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Recycling Collection	12	\$527,036	
Parks & Rec.	Youth Development	13	\$591,247	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Trash Collection	14	\$2,887,039	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Central Business District - Curbside Solid Waste Collection	15	\$74,411	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Collection Inspectors	16	\$188,658	
Neighborhood Services	HUD - General Administration & Internally Operated Housing Programs	17	\$25,750	

LIVABILITY				
DEPARTMENT	OFFER	RANK	OFFER TOTAL	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Physically and Topographically Challenged Solid Waste Collection Services	18	\$170,922	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Bulk Collection	19	\$721,238	
General Services	Community Sustainability Programming	20	\$210,546	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Brush Collection/Leaf Collection	21	\$402,580	
Solid Waste Management	SWM Operations (Call Center)	22	\$91,596	
Outside Agency	DRI - Special Events Coordination		\$135,000	
Outside Agency	Mill Mountain Zoo Funding		\$33,120	
Outside Agency	Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission		\$42,880	
Outside Agency	Virginia Amateur Sports		\$56,000	
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#### Offer Executive Summary

 Offer:
 Planning and Urban Design Services
 Rank: 1

 Dept:
 Planning Building and Development
 Factor: Attractive Community

 Outcome:
 Zoning, land use and codes compliance
 Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

This offer provides administration of development ordinances, neighborhood planning, engagement and capacity building, historic preservation, and special projects that include grant administration. These activities benefit citizens by involving them in planning processes to identify improvements for a high quality of life, generating economic vitality and protecting and enhancing property values.

The department strives to be efficient and provide timely reviews for construction and new businesses (shortest code review times in VA). Staff supports all neighborhood organizations, Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Architectural Review Board.

As construction levels increase, meeting customer expectations and code required deadlines has been a challenge – see supplemental offer for additional staff. A customer satisfaction commissioned by City Council indicated a number of issues to be addressed including the need to add staff.

#### Performance Measures:

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Community Engagement – Number of active neighborhood groups and business organizations within the city:	40 orgs	40 orgs	39
Number of neighborhood, area, or comprehensive plan amendments completed and implementation initiated	2	2	0
Percent of Comprehensive Development and Subdivision Plans reviews completed code required time frames.	95%	95%	76%
Seller/Owner: 8110 - Planning, Building and Development			

Offer:	Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Project Management	Rank: 2
Dept:	Public Works	Factor: Accessibility
Outcome:	Safe, accessible, bicycle and pedestrian friendly	Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Project Management encompasses a number of activities that enhance and improve the City's infrastructure and make the City more livable and safe. These areas include traffic studies related to travel speeds, signage, pavement marking, parking, traffic signals, street lighting and other traffic-related issues throughout the City, planning for future transportation improvements, implementation of portions of the City's Complete Streets Policy and bike and pedestrian accommodations, identification and implementation of capacity, operational, and streetscape improvements, the management and coordination of transportation related projects, and administration of permits and coordination with public assemblies, races, parades, street closures for utilities works and other events in the right of way.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Number of miles of on-street bicycle routes added annually	3	3	7
Percent of traffic engineering field reviews and assessments completed within 10 business days	95%	95%	95%
Percent of traffic engineering studies and investigations completed within 6 weeks	95%	95%	100%
Seller/Owner: 4160 - Transportation - Engineering & Operations			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: Books and Materials

Dept: Libraries Factor: Valued, Engaged & Informed Community
Outcome: Personal Enrichment Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Funds for the Library Books and Materials offer provides the money for materials and the staff necessary to select, purchase, catalog, weed and process books and other materials in the Roanoke Public Library collection. This includes books, music, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, periodicals and ebooks available in electronic and downloadable formats. The demand for these services continues to be significant. Last year items checked out by the community rose to an all time high of 950,385 items circulated. The use of books and other materials continues to escalate. Continuting increase in overall circulation as well as the renovation of Main places constant stress on current funding levels. Ebook circulation rose to 102,782 in 2014.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Circulation rates - number of library materials customers are using	975,000	560,000	950,385
Number of items the library loans within the library consortium to fill customer requests for access to information and materials	18,000	18,000	54,947
Seller/Owner: 7310 - Libraries			

Offer: Books and Materials Supplemental Request Rank: 3

Dept: Libraries Factor: Valued, Engaged & Informed Community

Outcome: Personal Enrichment Supplemental

#### **Executive Summary:**

Access to information through books and materials is a key mission of the Library. Additional funding is needed to add new books to the Library branches and to keep books up-to-date and in good condition. Examples: baby board books, accurate books that support children's homework needs; and up-to-date information on medical and science books.

Seller/Owner: 7310 - Libraries

#### Offer Executive Summary

 Offer:
 Code Enforcement
 Rank: 4

 Dept:
 Planning Building and Development
 Factor: Attractive Community

 Outcome:
 Zoning, land use and codes compliance
 Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Code Enforcement administers enforcement of the building maintenance code, zoning ordinance and nuisance ordinances which protect the safety and health of Roanoke's citizens, minimize blight and improve the appearance of neighborhoods. In 1986, the City adopted the Building Maintenance Code, establishing a minimum standard for building maintenance city-wide. The "Rental Inspection Program", established in 1996, ensures that the maintenance standard is met for rental properties in designated areas ("Rental Inspection District") through inspection of those units every four years for compliance with the building maintenance code.

Code enforcement also operates city-wide enforcement of the weed and trash, inoperable motor vehicle, and graffiti ordinances. Increased emphasis has been placed on effective, responsive code compliance by City Council, City administration, neighborhood groups and concerned citizens. Code Enforcement also partners with and provides education to groups interested in improving City neighborhoods. As Roanoke's quality of life is largely reflected in its appearance, clean and attractive neighborhoods are essential to population retention and attracting economic investment.

#### Performance Measures:

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Average number of citation/certifications per inspector per year	600	600	521
Number of code enforcement citations/certifications achieved annually; including percentage of these achieved through proactively inspecting/canvassing neighborhoods	7,000/40%	7,000/40%	6773/49%
Percent of eligible rental units inspected and issued rental certificates	90%	90%	154%
Seller/Owner: 8113 - Neighborhood Services			

Offer: Athletics Rank: 5

Dept: Parks and Recreation Factor: Quality Amenities

Outcome: Recreational opportunities Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

This Athletic program offer provides for the administration of youth team sports; youth athletic camps and clinics; adult athletic leagues; athletic field maintenance and facilitation and regional tournament support. Collectively, these programs and services serve approximately 95,000 youth, adults and seniors annually. Participants of these programs and services recognize such benefits as social interactions, improved health and wellness, and a sense of belonging.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Net cost of Athletics programs per participant	\$1.27	\$6.14	\$6.29
Percent of residents from Participant Survey who rate the quality of the City's recreation programs as "good" or "excellent"	98%	95%	94%
Total number of Athletic program participants and visitors	41,000	115,000	54,085
Seller/Owner: 7110 - Recreation Operations			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: Landscape Management Rank: 6

Dept: Parks and Recreation Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

This offer provides for landscape management (designing/installing/renovating/replacing, pruning, insect/disease/weed control, cleaning, mulching, etc) and turf management (mowing/trimming/edging high profile properties once a week and all other properties every 14 - 21 days, aerating, seeding, fertilizing, and fall leaf mulching) within City parks and properties.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Average number of days to complete one full mowing cycle	14-21	14-21	16.75
Total number of acres maintained	1609.52	1609.52	1609.52
Total number of acres maintained per FTE	97.5	97.5	109.49
Seller/Owner: 4340 - Park Maintenance			

Offer: Park Management Rank: 7

Dept: Parks and Recreation Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

This offer provides for park management, including shelter cleaning, restroom cleaning, playground inspection and management, light construction projects, hardscape maintenance, special event support, and litter and debris removal within city greenways, parks and green spaces, as well as snow and ice removal from city streets, sidewalks and greenways.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Total number of hours between identification of inspection problem and its resolution if parts are in hand	72	72	72
Total number of playgrounds inspected and maintained	102	69	71
Total number of special events supported	85	85	87
Seller/Owner: 4340 - Park Maintenance			

Offer: Supplemental Park Management Requests

Dept: Parks and Recreation

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community

Supplemental

#### **Executive Summary:**

This request provides funding needed to meet the increasing needs and demands for park maintenance.

Seller/Owner: 4340 - Park Maintenance

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: Urban Forestry Rank: 8

Dept: Parks and Recreation Factor: Quality Amenities

Outcome: Maintain natural environment and unique assets Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

This offer will provide Urban Forestry services for the City of Roanoke. Management of the urban forest includes the care and maintenance of 20,000 shade and ornamental trees on residential streets and highways, park lands and greenway corridors. Secondly, it provides for the general oversight of the portion of the Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) made up of shade and ornamental trees as well as forest fragments on land throughout the city. Finally, it consists of the forest management of 12,700 forested acres at Carvins Cove, 500 forested acres on Mill Mountain, and forest fragments and riparian areas in parks and along greenways and blueways on land owned by the City. This offer also provides greenway maintenance for a large portion of the Roanoke River Greenway, the entire Lick Run Greenway, Tinker Creek Greenway and the Murray Run Greenway.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Number of citizen requests received following preventive maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,014
Total number of man hours per tree pruned	2.9	2.9	1.23
Total number of trees pruned	1,500	1,500	1,070
Seller/Owner: 4340 - Park Maintenance			

 Offer:
 Community Recreation
 Rank: 9

 Dept:
 Parks and Recreation
 Factor: Quality Amenities

 Outcome:
 Recreational opportunities
 Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Community Recreation provides programs and services to individuals and families of all ages at the city recreation centers, both city aquatic facilities, city parks, and at facilities operated by other organizations, such as the Library, Gator Pool, churches, and local businesses. The program areas include Fitness and Wellness, Personal Enrichment for Adults and Youth, Senior Programming, Trips and Tours, and Aquatics. Classes, workshops, summer camps, trips, and lessons are all provided within these program areas. This section serves as the liaison to Roanoke County in the delivery of Therapeutic Recreation to city residents. Community Recreation is also responsible for facility management of the Mountain View and Garden City Centers and Washington and Fallon Park Pools. This facilitation includes public use, programs, meetings and rentals.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Net cost of Community Recreation programs per participant	-\$.35	\$2.57	\$.56
Percent of residents from Participant Survey who rate the quality of the City's recreation programs as "good" or "excellent"	98%	95%	94%
Total number of Community Recreation program participants and visitors	22,000	35,000	18,872
Seller/Owner: 7110 - Recreation Operations			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: Neighborhood Library Services Rank: 10

Dept: Libraries Factor: Accessibility

Outcome: Convenience of public services Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

The community gathering place in the heart of Roanoke's neighborhoods are the library branches; Gainsboro, Garden City e-Branch, Jackson Park, Melrose, Raleigh Court, Valley View e-Branch and Williamson Road. Each neighborhood library branch strives to meet five top goals: to provide user-centered customer service, to offer unique services to meet the needs of the neighborhood, to connect information seekers with resources (books, magazines, newspapers, computer access and other materials) to collaborate with other groups in the area and to be a neighborhood gathering spot.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Branch Doorcount	420,000	385,000	418,109
Number of items that branches circulate in a year	477,000	477,000	555,407
Number of programs offered at each branch for adults, teens and children	1,300	1,300	1,482
Seller/Owner: 7310 - Libraries			

 Offer:
 Expand Library Operational Hours
 Rank: 10

 Dept:
 Libraries
 Factor: Accessibility

 Outcome:
 Convenience of public services
 Supplemental

#### **Executive Summary:**

This supplemental request is for additional funding to expand Library operational hours.

Seller/Owner: 7310 - Libraries

 Offer:
 Outdoor Education
 Rank: 11

 Dept:
 Parks and Recreation
 Factor: Quality Amenities

 Outcome:
 Recreational opportunities
 Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

The primary responsibilities of the Outdoor Education Section are to: 1) Provide sound and responsible outdoor adventure and environmental education opportunities 2) Provide non-traditional outdoor education activities that promote active living and healthy lifestyles, 3) Provide activities, programs and facilities that promote positive social skills, leadership, confidence and trust, 4) Provide not only day-of enjoyment, but lasting memories that enhance a citizen's life for years to come, 5) Provide life-long learning opportunities that carry on long after the program or visit to the facility or park is complete, 6) Provide an awareness and an appreciation of the outdoor world found in the Roanoke Valley and beyond.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Net cost/(income) of Outdoor Education programs per participant	-\$.74	-\$1.44	-\$1.49
Percent of residents from Participant Survey who rate the quality of the City's recreation programs as "good" or "excellent"	98%	95%	94%
Total number of Outdoor Education program participants and visitors	60,000	60,000	60,042
Seller/Owner: 7110 - Recreation Operations			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: SWM Recycling Collection Rank: 12

Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

The City of Roanoke Solid Waste Management Division continues to lead the efforts of the Clean & Green Campaign and has reported a 40% annual recycling rate to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the calendar year 2012. The Solid Waste Management Division provides co-mingled, dual stream curbside/ alley collection of recyclable materials to citizens and small businesses on a weekly alternating schedule. In addition, we also offer twice a week recycling collection service to Roanoke City Public Schools.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
On time collection rate percentage for recycling materials	99%	99%	100%
Residential recycling contamination rate	1%	1%	1%
Residential recycling rate for curbside collection	40%	40%	40%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

Offer:Youth DevelopmentRank: 13Dept:Parks and RecreationFactor: Quality AmenitiesOutcome:Recreational opportunitiesExisting

#### **Executive Summary:**

The Youth Development Section provides programs and services to youth at the existing Community Recreation Centers or at facilities operated by other organizations, such as the libraries and churches. These programs include After School (4 locations), summer camps (3 locations), as well as some special events for youth held throughout the year. This section also provides rental space for community use for weddings, family reunions, birthday parties as well as meeting space for non profit organizations.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Net cost of Youth Development programs per participant	\$3.54	N/A	N/A
Percent of residents from Participant Survey who rate the quality of the City's recreation programs as "good" or "excellent"	98%	95%	94%
Total number of youth & family program participants and visitors	8,500	53,000	N/A
Seller/Owner: 7110 - Recreation Operations			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: SWM Trash Collection Rank: 14

Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Solid Waste Mgmt (SWM) has the responsibility of collecting all trash for our stakeholders. In doing so, we employ a staff of 23 field staff employees. These include a crew supervisor, drivers and sanitation workers which collect all automated trash containers either using an automated system or a semi-automated system. During an average work week, SWM could be using up to 16 trucks devoted to this service. In order to keeps this service running smoothly there is always someone behind the scenes who helps keeps things operational. SWM is no different. The Dept has a Manager, Account Technician, and an Administrative Assistant II who help support the efforts of the field staff. Another responsibility of this Administrative staff is to manage the city contract for city dumpster service which is collected by an outside vendor and the reimbursement of condominium associations for the collection of their trash.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
On time collection rate percentage	99%	99%	99%
Percent of the condo associations under Waste Management contract	80%	80%	60%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

 Offer:
 Central Business District - Curbside Solid Waste Collection
 Rank: 15

 Dept:
 Public Works
 Factor: Attractive Community

 Outcome:
 Safe, clean and attractively maintained community
 Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Recognizing the city's vision of the central business district (CBD) as a vibrant business and residential community within the larger community, the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Division provides unique waste management solutions, including daily collection (Monday – Saturday). Further, in 2013 the city introduced the sealed compactor program which provides waste management solutions to approximately 50% of the area defined as current or future compactor areas. However, until sealed compactors provide solid waste management solutions for the remaining 50% of the CBD, SWM must continue to provide curbside collection. This offer provides for curbside solid waste collection services for the area within the central business district that does not benefit from conveniently located sealed compactors. Please see the attached map of current and future compactor zones. This area provides curbside collection for area identified as "Future zones #4 and #5."

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent increase in recycling material collected as a result of the sealed compactor	15%	15%	N/A
Percent of time all residential and business trash and recycling will be collected according to the adopted schedule	99%	99%	100%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: SWM Collection Inspectors Rank: 16

Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Solid Waste Management Assistant Collection Inspectors administer enforcement of Sec. 14 of the City code which establishes a minimum standard of sanitation, cleanliness and safety of the rights-of-way and public property. Illegal dumping, proper storage of collection containers, bulk container regulations, loose and improperly bagged leaves, and littering are examples of enforcement jurisdiction of Assistant Collection Inspectors. During 2012, Assistant Collection Inspectors of the Solid Waste Management Division cited 1907 illegal dumping violations and 690 container violations. Assistant Collections Inspectors also interact with neighborhood organizations by attending meetings and neighborhood walks. Assistant Collections Inspectors work closely with personnel from Neighborhood Services, Social Services, Health Department, Police Department, as well as other local and state agencies to gather information pertaining to property histories and nuisance properties.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent of time an illegal setout can be reconciled with the owner rather than cite them for a violation	75%	75%	90%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

Offer: HUD General Administration and Internally-Operated Housing Programs Rank: 17

Dept: Planning Building and Development Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Home Ownership Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

For FY 2016, the HUD Community Resources Division offers to obtain over \$2.0 million in new federal CDBG and HOME grants vital to the City and will invest nearly \$2.3 million in projects yielding significant community benefits. Among such projects are housing opportunities for LMI individuals and families, reduce blight and decay, improve infrastructure and public facilities, address homelessness, support human resource agencies, and build the capacity and pride of neighborhoods. In addition, the Division will manage the City's Down Payment Assistance Program for first-time home buyers, coordinate housing rehabilitation programs for existing homeowners, and coordinate the activities of the City's Fair Housing Board. The Division will employ 4 full-time staff, with all salaries, operating and services costs provided by the HUD funds, except \$25,750 sought from General Funds for local HOME Match and costs not billable to the federal grants.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Number of homebuyers assisted through the DPA Program	16	35	17
Percent of the activities funded in the Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan that achieve the goals established in the agreement executed by the Division and the funding recipient	85%	85%	79%
Seller/Owner: 8113 - Neighborhood Services			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: SWM Physically and Topographically Challenged Solid Waste Collection Services Rank: 18

Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

When the City of Roanoke transitioned from "barreling" solid waste to automated collection, the Solid Waste Management Division continued to be considerate of the needs of the city's elderly and handicapped demographic who are incapable of transporting solid waste to the collection point (curb or alley). Citizens who comply with the criteria established by the city (physician's certification and current application/agreement) continue to receive "back door" solid waste collection services. Similarly, SWM recognizes that topographical issues (natural and artificial) create an undue hardship for some citizens, and therefore transporting solid waste to the collection point is unfeasible or is not practical. As a result, topographically challenged addresses are collected by the physically challenged task group as well. Currently, there are just nearly 1,000 addresses that are designated as physically or topographically challenged and are collected by the PC task group.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent increase in the number of households receiving the physically challenged service	0%	0%	0%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

Offer: SWM Bulk Collection Rank: 19
Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community
Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Beginning on July 1, 2010, Solid Waste Management implemented an every other week collection program for bulk trash. This change saved the city in labor cost. Bulk is considered anything that does not fit into an automated trash container such as bags of trash, furniture, appliances, rugs and/or mattresses. There was some consideration of charging for bulk collection but residents feel that they pay for services rendered by the city. This is one of the services we offer.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent of bulk set outs collected on time	99%	99%	100%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

Offer: Community Sustainability Programming Rank: 20
Dept: General Services Factor: Valued, Engaged & Informed Community

Outcome: Public/Private Partnership Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Community sustainability programming represents coordinated actions taken by City staff to improve the environment and to provide community outreach. All of these programs are related to energy savings and environmental issues. In September 2008, Roanoke committed to broader measures of reducing community carbon emissions by 10 percent over a five year period ending December 31, 2014. This offer is intended to address Council's commitment.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent reduction in Municipal greenhouse gas emissions	12.5	12.5	15
Percent reduction in overall energy usage	2	2	16
Percent reduction in Roanoke's community greenhouse gas emissions	2%	2%	8%
Seller/Owner: 1260 - General Services			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: SWM Brush Collection/Leaf Collection Rank: 21

Dept: Public Works Factor: Attractive Community

Outcome: Safe, clean and attractively maintained community Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

As a result of budget cuts during 2010, Solid Waste Management (SWM) began an alternating bi-weekly collection of bulk/brush. Serviceable brush as defined by Section 14.1-1, of the city code shall mean; woody or leafy yard debris containing branches resulting from ordinary yard maintenance such as tree, shrub or bush trimmings less than three (3) inches in diameter and less than four (4) feet in length. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 14.1-23 all woody or leafy yard waste must be stacked in a pile that is no greater than four(4) feet wide, four (4) feet long, and four (4 feet high. No single branch placed for collection can be greater than four (4) feet in length or three (3) inches in diameter. Per city code, SWM shall not collect any brush cut for a fee (contracted brush).

#### Performance Measures:

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent of bagged leaf set outs collected on time	99%	99%	99%
Percent of brush set outs collected on time	99%	99%	98%
Seller/Owner: 4210 - Solid Waste Management			

Offer: SWM Operations (Call Center)

Dept: Public Works

Outcome: Convenience of public services

Rank: 22

Accessibility

Existing

#### **Executive Summary:**

Solid Waste Mgmt (SWM) has the responsibility to answer the assigned 853-2000 (option 1) customer service line. This line averages about 100 calls per day. SWM has two customer service specialists assigned to this phone between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. These two individuals also must respond to radio traffic calls from our 27 to 32 trucks each day. These calls are then entered into a database which records all of the radio calls from our drivers that state possible problems at our customers' homes and/or businesses. When residents call, these calls are entered into QAlert database as possible complaints, such as missed collections, illegal dumps, repairs or requests for new containers or recycling bins. These customer service specialists also coordinate any emergency calls that affect SWM personnel. These emergencies can range from accidents, injuries, hydraulic spills or any other type of incident

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Percent of time respond to citizens inquiries via 853-2000 within 24 hours	100%	100%	100%

Dept: Parks and Recreation Factor: Quality Amenities
Outcome: Diverse offering of cultural events and exhibits Existing

Rank:

#### **Executive Summary:**

Seller/Owner:

Offer:

Provides funding for special event permitting and coordination services in Downtown Roanoke.

4210 - Solid Waste Management

**DRI - Special Event Coordination** 

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Number of Special Event requests processed	5	5	100
Seller/Owner: 4360 - Parks & Recreation - Administration			

#### Offer Executive Summary

Offer: Mill Mountain Zoo Funding Rank: Parks and Recreation Factor: Quality Amenities Dept: Diverse offering of cultural events and exhibits Existing Outcome: **Executive Summary:** This offer provides contractually obligated funding for annual utilities and maintenance costs at Mill Mountain Zoo. **Performance Measures:** FY 2016 Target FY 2015 Target FY 2014 Actual Measure Title Yes Yes Yes Maintain accreditation with the American Zoo and Aquarium

4360 - Parks & Recreation - Administration

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission Offer:

Factor: Accessibility Dept: Management and Budget Existing

Rank:

Safe, accessible, bicycle and pedestrian friendly Outcome:

#### **Executive Summary:**

Seller/Owner:

Association (Yes/No).

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission provides support to greenways in the form of securing Federal and State grants and fundraising from private sources. The Commission also, coordinates with Pathfinders for Greenways for over 2,000 volunteer hours on greenway development and restoration. Recently, the Commission has launched a "Bridge the Gap" campaign to raise \$7 million in government and private funds to finish the core 18 miles of Roanoke River Greenway.

#### **Performance Measures:**

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Payment of budget allocation in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seller/Owner: 1212 - Management and Budget			

Offer: Virginia Amateur Sports Rank:

Parks and Recreation Factor: Valued, Engaged & Informed Community Dept:

Community Involvement Existing Outcome:

#### **Executive Summary:**

The Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS) goal is to organize and produce the Subway Commonwealth Games of Virginia, known throughout Virginia as Virginia's Olympics. VAS is also charged to improve the health, wellness, and fitness of Virginia's citizens through recreational and competitive training and competition, through educational seminars, and through the Get Healthy Virginia Program.

Measure Title	FY 2016 Target	FY 2015 Target	FY 2014 Actual
Develop public and private partnerships through the securing of corporate sponsorships.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hold the Subway Commonwealth Games	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seller/Owner: 4360 - Parks & Recreation - Administration			